



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

(Cultural related items)

- **Youth Camp.** This camp uses a model developed by the National Indian Youth Leadership Project (NIYLP). The primary objective of the NIYLP Camp is to address the issues of today's youth developing the skills needed to become functional, competent, independent adults and the leaders of tomorrow. June 21st-26th. For information contact: Richard Sgarlotti, Camp Director (906) 466-2952 Ext: 124 rich.sgarlotti@hannahvilleschool.net
- **Odeno – Place of Many Hearts:** Wenesh pii: Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 3:30 pm-5:30 pm. Aanii piish: Tribal Community Center, We are inviting all 3 to 7 year old tribal youth to join us . We will read a story together and make cards for our elders that live at Aki Maadiziwin. So bring all your love and come share your creative gift. Please pre-register with: Julie Wolfe, Prevention Specialist at 1-888-382-8299 or (231)398.6632
- **BLB's Ice Fishing and Snowsnake Day** on February 14th. It look as though the snowsnake game will be the primary event at Parkey's Field/Barn on Indian Road from about noon to 4 or 5pm (feast starting around 1pm?) with Ice Fishing taking place at some point at Maple Bay. (see the invitations at the end of the *Rapid River News*)

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Tribal Governance/MSU.** Ogema Romanelli and Council members Loretta Beccaria and Robert Whiteloon and Commerce Director Robert Memberto participated in a two day workshop organized by Michigan State University on Tribal Governance. A full story will be in the April *Currents*.
- **Self Governance.** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has successfully completed tribal self governance compact negotiations with the US Department of Health and Human Services. See the *Currents* for full details.
- **Be Da Bin 'kick butt' program.** Be Da Bin Behavioral Health is holding a special anti-smoking program March 25th called "Kick Butts in 2009". The program will go from 4 to 5 p.m. and will be held at the Tribal Health Clinic. Tribal youth from 11 to 17 years of age are encouraged to attend.
- **Currents.** The *Currents* which is regularly distributed on the 15th of the month, is being delayed to bring you the Primary Election results and expanded messages from the candidates. All candidates who move on to the General Election are being offered space for up to a 400 word article. These articles have to be to Public Affairs by noon on the 23rd.

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Rapid River News!

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From L.R.B.O.I.



The Cheboiganing (Burt Lake) Band of Ottawa & Chippewa invites you to join us for a **Snowsnake Game!**

Ambe! Bring your snowsnake and have some fun with us on Saturday, February 14th! Regardless of the weather, we'll gather together with lots of laughter for a *gooni gnevik miinwaa nishishin miijim*: snowsnake game and good food!

Have fun carving your own snowsnake in preparations for this exciting event!

Games begin at noon at Parkey's Field in Brutus (4371 Indian Rd) and will last till the fun is done!

Prizes available for all ages groups.

(For questions or directions call: 231-529-6113 or email kathykae47@gmail.com)



Ottawa Bmaadiziwin. The Ottawa Way of Sustainable Living: Ice Fishing Training & Snowsnake Tournament

Where: Maple Bay on Burt Lake (aka Lake Chaboiganing)

When: Saturday February 14, 2009 at approximately 1pm

How: It's Free Winter Fishing Weekend in Michigan – We'll share what we can but bring whatever fishing equipment you may have. Make your own snowsnake in advance of this event.

Contact the Tribal office for more information: (231) 529-6113

Or contact our Advisors:

Traditional Ecological Advisor:

Hank Parkey (hank@esagelink.com)

Scientific Ecological Advisor:

Curtis Chambers (blbtc@yahoo.com)



Snow-Snakes



Funding for this training has been provided in part by the Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:

The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.